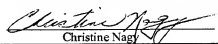


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**REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND
 RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION DATED OCTOBER 15, 2009**

Dear Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Final Office Action dated October 15, 2009, and is filed with a Request for Continued Examination. This response has been filed with the appropriate petition and fees for a one-month extension of time and is therefore timely filed. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims.

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION (37 C.F.R. § 1.114)

Please withdraw finality of the rejection and continue examination of the above-referenced application, as amended herein below, under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 (b). In connection with this request, if any additional fee is deemed payable (or overpayment creditable) in respect of this communication, please charge or credit such fee to Deposit Account No. 23-2415, referencing Attorney Docket No. 18545-720.831.

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